

Community News



FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED... Recently, Kaye Whitworth and Jimmie Harrison were placing sponsor signs in the flower bed plots around the square in downtown Elba. Over 20 plots already have sponsors, and the chamber is still seeking sponsors for the remaining plots. New flowers have been planted in all the plots around the square in a continuous effort to beautify the downtown area. Anyone interested in sponsoring a flower bed plot should contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

DAV donates van to assist needing transportation help

Area veterans need not worry about transportation to and from the Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center for treatment.

The VA medical facility recently received one van from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a million-member-plus nonprofit organization.

The van will be driven by a corps of local volunteers organized by the DAV and its members to help out. The effort is Bessie C. Gillespie, hospital service coordinator at the Montgomery VA Medical Center.

The donation was made possible through a cooperative effort of the DAV's national organization, the DAV Department of Alabama and DAV Chapter No. 87. The van

donation is part of the nationwide DAV Transportation Network.

In making the announcement, DAV officials noted the free transportation services will initially be provided to veterans in Dothan.

They said plans were to expand that service as additional volunteer drivers signed up.

"This program is great in demand," said DAV Chapter No. 87 President Bessie C. Gillespie. "We have been thrilled and overwhelmed by the response," said Chiquita Marbury, manager of the program. "Alabama teachers have been asking for this kind of training for years, and now we can deliver it right to their schools. That is what makes this program so special. Alabama teachers don't have to come to us; we come right to the classroom."

Not only is the program in great demand, but 95 percent of the participants say the program met or exceeded their expectations and that they would recommend the program to other teachers.

Britt Grimes receives forestry scholarship

Britt Grimes has been awarded the Martha and Selon Dixon Forestry Scholarship from Luellen B. Wallace Junior College in Andalusia.

This scholarship is awarded to students who are interested in pursuing a career in forestry. Students must demonstrate leadership and academic achievement.

Grimes plans to attend LBW in the fall.

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"My Family and I would like to thank you for your prayers and support on June 6. However, we still need your help for the June 27th Run-off."

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ESJC students excell in computer graphics

Computer graphics is a growing career field, and Enterprise State junior College offers a series of special courses in this area. Students excelling in these courses and other art courses received accolades recently during Piney Woods Art Festival's recent ESJC student competition. Pictured from left to right are Anna Marie of Slocomb winning first place and honorable mention in the graphic design category, Jocie Wheless of Dothan winning first place in the painting category, Pamela Holland of Daleville winning honorable mention in the graphic design category, and Roberta Gideon of Elba winning best of show with her work in graphic design. Not pictured are Carin Hicks of Ft. Rucker winning second place and honorable mention in painting and second place in

Jack.

TSUD announces Spring Semester honor students

Troy State University Dothan recently announced the names of students being honored on the Dean's List and President's List for the 2000 Spring Semester. Local students being named to the Dean's List were John Herring Lindsey of Elba and Sherri Ruth Nobles of Kinston. Local students named to the President's List were Connie Marie Macon and Kenya Tanyetta Martin, both of Elba.

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Brothers Welcome Newborn Sister

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Commissioners deal with bids and jail

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commissioners awarded bids, accepted them and signed the revenue commissioners' tax settlement report and did a little "jail talk" during Monday's bi-monthly commission meeting.

After opening bids on two self-propelled rollers (road packers), the commissioners accepted County Engineer Randy Tindell's recommendation and bought one new one and one used one.

The program is free to all teachers and schools.

The unique features of our program - its mobility, year-round availability and hands-on experience - are driving forces for our success," Marbury said. "And because we have trainers all over the state, training can be continuous, whether it's via e-mail or in-person. But most importantly, we offer training that teachers can use in their classrooms tomorrow."

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

True to predictions the voter turnout Tuesday was light. We thank those of you who trusted the judgement of the few of us who did vote. However the vote results will be tonight (writing this Tuesday afternoon), those of you who didn't vote have no right to complain when the winners give us active voters all the cash kickbacks!

Folks, as fellow citizens and friends, we owe these candidates more respect than to ignore election days. Our country is founded on the fact citizens will often help themselves as potential public officials, and the least the rest of us can do is insure that, to the best of our knowledge, the most qualified candidate gets the job. Not only is that good for honest, qualified candidates, it is good for us also, as these folks who are elected are there to serve us to the best of their ability. If they have no ability . . . we have no service. It has happened before and will happen again if citizens keep ignoring their right to vote.

The proposed new Elba post office is still on the drawing boards. A couple of weeks ago were two young ladies here doing some of the federally required studies and paperwork to build the new building. Right now they are still planning to build next to the Peoples Bank, as far as anyone with authority has said thus far.

The levee rebuild project is also moving forward, even though the big money from the U.S. Congress is still just promised. Mr. Charles Owens, with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers spoke to the Elba Rotary Club Tuesday and said the plans are on ready. However, the 35% non-federal matching funds are still only a dream - but then Elba folks are dreamers and the money will come . . . we hope. Owens said it will take up to two years to build, once the \$12 million construction money has been put in one pot.

Saturday morning we were talking with U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions as he and Representative Terry Everett toured Coffee County and saw first hand the results of the drought which has hit a large part of Alabama, and especially the Wiregrass area. During the conversation, we realized that the last time the two of us talked, it was two years ago in Washington and the subject was help for Elba as it recovered from too much water . . . the 1998 flood! Oh, how fast things can turn around in this world of ours. Now Senator, we hope our farmer friends don't have to wait for relief as long as Elba and Geneva have waited (and continue to wait) for levee help.

There has been a lot of rah-rah in the news this week about the "mapping" of the human DNA. We have followed the progress of the companies doing this mapping for some time now and consider it positive work. The concerns over ethical decisions will hopefully be ironed out before people can actually make them. While folks our age will probably not get the benefits from the new drugs and medical techniques this will bring about, it will help our children and grandchildren, so they should have the support of everyone.

Those ethical decisions will undoubtedly be tough . . . tougher in some areas than in others. Right now in India, many abortions are being performed simply because the prospective parents find out the sex of their unborn baby is not what they want. That probably goes on all around the world, but India is in the spotlight on this matter, along with a couple of other traditions which are unique to their culture.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Thank You

The family of **BIRDIE M.**

RUSHING would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers during our time of loss. It feels great to know that our Mother, wife, and friend touched so many lives and was loved so greatly. She will be deeply missed by everyone.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 19, 2000, investigated the following incidents:

- One unauthorized use of a vehicle - failure to stop.
- Five thefts of property, five burglaries, one hit and run, one pedestrian under the influence, two harassments, four criminal mischiefs, two disorderly conduct, one menacing, one shop lifting, one DUL, one family dispute, and one rape.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 - River stage - 2.36 feet (6:10 a.m.); Fire alarm activated at Klemert's (1:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Powell's Trailer Park on Caroline Street (9:34 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - River stage - 2.29 feet (6:44 a.m.); Prowler reported to Martin Luther King Drive (8:36 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - River stage - 2.30 feet (6:27 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (2:55 p.m.); Routine activity.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 19, 2000 through June 25, 2000. They were: Shirley Hudson, Leha Tyson, Rosa Tyson, Melissa Flowers, Danny Johnson, Ida Mae Hawks, Ida Mae Bennett, Melinda Flowers, Paulette May, Mike New, Elba Hudson, Ruthie Hudson, Cynthia Leha Tyson, Shirley Hudson, Ida Hawks, Shirley Hudson, Dexter Goodwin, Louise Jernigan, Mary Farris, Mahala Davis, Shaewanna Hammonds, Louise Jernigan, Mahala Davis, U. V. McDonald, Shannon Carett, Myrtle Hickman, Megan Jones, Pat Brumley, Ollie Hussey, Louise Jernigan, Victor Legg, Evelyn Brown, Mary Harris, Karin Snellgrove, Donald McBride, and Nomici Marx.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Lume Johnson, Jessie Davis, Emma Haskins, Amanda Carnell, Ella Bennett, Felicia Hodges, Marlene Harrison, Mike New, Elba Hudson, Shirley Hudson, Cynthia Leha Tyson, Shirley Hudson, Ida Hawks, Shirley Hudson, Dexter Goodwin, Louise Jernigan, Mahala Davis, U. V. McDonald, Shannon Carett, Myrtle Hickman, Megan Jones, Pat Brumley, Ollie Hussey, Louise Jernigan, Victor Legg, Evelyn Brown, Mary Harris, Karin Snellgrove, Donald McBride, and Nomici Marx.

NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE
The Coffee County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed Friday, June 30; Monday, July 3; and Tuesday, July 4. In case of a medical emergency call: 1-800-214-8387, this will connect you with either the Montgomery or Tuskegee VA Hospital.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The U.S. Senate just approved two amendments to the Defense Reauthorization Act that could have serious consequences on society. One of the amendments, sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), would provide grants to states for the study and prosecution of "hate crimes." The other amendment, sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), is known as the Local

Law Enforcement Act of 2000. It would expand "hate crimes" to include "actual or perceived" sexual orientation. This amendment would also permit federal officials to intervene in local affairs when "hate crimes" occur, whether or not local officials want or need their help. In that sense, there is absolutely nothing "local" about this legislation. Fortunately, Alabama's two Senators voted against

these amendments and should be commended for their courage in standing up for their convictions.

The "hate crimes" approach is not a good idea because it promotes unequal treatment and punishing similar crimes differently. It also sends the message that some victims are more valuable than others. Our freedom depends on the principle of *equal justice under law*, and the "hate crimes" mentality is not conducive to this idea.

Crime that happens to anyone is wrong, regardless of individual preferences or traits.

The course of action taken by these Senators should be seen for what it really is - an attempt to legislate thoughts and attitudes of people, rather than actions.

English, a native of Alabama, began his career with ANAS in 1991 as an advertising manager. He was promoted to associate ad executive in 1993. Before joining APA, he was retail sales manager of the Crimson White student newspaper at the University of Alabama.

English and his family, parents Bill and Linda, and brother Brian and Boyd, moved to Elba in 1976. Brad's dad became the city's mayor in 1980 and held that office until 1988.

Brad was editor of the Elba High School yearbook, the Elba, during his senior year. In 1989, he thought he would never come to journalism. He attended college at the University of Alabama, where he found a job with the university newspaper, The Crimson White. He later became managing editor and served his final year at Alabama in 1991 as the acting Ad Director, filling in for his boss who was overseas with Desert Storm.

Brad was named Salesperson of the Year in 1989 and received the University of Alabama's Sarah Heady Award in 1991, given annually to a student for "dedicated and

responsible service in the field of publishing."

English replaces Felicia Mason, who recently became APA executive director. She has retail experience with Brad English to have someone with his commitment and experience to lead our advertising service," Mason said.

House and Senate negotiators will meet soon to iron out differences in the two versions of the Defense Authorization Bill. It is not too late to contact your Congressman and Senator and urge them to remove these two amendments from the bill. The Capital Switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody S. Adams
Alabama Policy Institute

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Birmingham, AL 35223
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CARDS OF THANKS

BROWN FAMILY

We would like to thank you for being such wonderful friends and neighbors during the sickness and death of our beloved **Jane Brown**.

The flowers, food, cards, visits and all other acts of kindness will always be remembered.

May God richly bless you.

Family of June Brown

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Brad English

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Family of the late Mrs. Mert Turner Mincey

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AREA DEATHS

BIRDIE MARIE RUSHING

Mrs. Birdie Marie Rushing, age 60, of 3875 County Road 306, Elba, Ala., died June 22, 2000.

Funeral services were held June 26, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ray Layton officiating. Burial followed in the Zoor Church Cemetery of Hayes.

Mr. Rushing was preceded in death by son, Chris Hodges.

Survivors include her husband,

Daniel Rushing, Elba, five

daughters and three sons-in-law,

Cynthia Hodges, Tuscon, Ariz.,

Cindi and Dennis Phillips,

Wendy, La., Lisa Hodges, Dothan,

Teresa, La., Reggie Booth,

Tuscaloosa, Christy and Marty

Overtion, Tuscaloosa; five sons

and three daughters-in-law,

Tony and Beverly Hodges, Zachary, La., Greg Hodges, Tuscon, Ariz., Tim Hodges, Elba, Mark and Nicole Hodges, Elba; Wesley and Jennifer Hodges, Elba; their mother-in-law,

Louise Rains, Elba; six sisters;

Rose Coats, Lapopoe, La., Mary Allen, Baker, La., Ann Smith, Kentwood, La., Betty Benzer, Slaughter, La., Lynn Fabre, New Roads, La., Delores Mayers, Baton Rouge, La.; and eight grandchil-

dren.

MERT TURNER MINCEY

Mrs. Mert Turner Mincey, born Aug. 30, 1914, of Elba, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held June 25, 2000 at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove A.M.E. Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Mincey was preceded in death by a daughter, Annie Cox, and two sisters, Bernice Turner Mincey and Irene Turner Lampl.

Survivors include one daughter,

Tommie Mincey Faison, four sis-

ters: Myrtle Brannon, Gunter-

ville, Ala., Eric Coleman, Gun-

terville, Ala., Mary Bell Caldwell, Panama City, Fla., Ouida Jones Weirton, West Virginia; one sister-in-law:

Pearl Mincey, Elba; one brother-in-law:

Reuben Daniels, Elba; four grandchil-

dren: Cheryl D. Faison,

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Donald Head, Elba, Mr. and Mrs.

James Hooks, Opp, Mr. and Mrs.

Emma King, Ft. Walton, Fla.,

Peggy (Leonard) McBride, Elba,

CHURCH

Gospel Concert scheduled at Love's Way Church Sunday, July 2

Love's Way Church has scheduled a Gospel Concert for Sunday afternoon, July 2, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The featured group will be "Kevin Spencer & Friends" from Shelly, Ohio.

Love's Way Church is located three miles West of Enterprise on Damascus Road (Hwy. 134) next to Covington Electric Cooperative.

Big 4th Of July Concert to be held at Country Cathedral

The County Cathedral will be hosting a gospel concert featuring The Goodnews Singers, from Opp, AL; The Harrelson Family from Red Oak Community near Andalusia, AL; The Williamson Family, from Crestview, FL; Mary Scott &

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EUMC plans Vacation Bible School for July 10-14

Vacation Bible School will be held at Elba United Methodist Church, July 10-14. There will be great stories,

games, and crafts. The theme will be CLUB CAN DO. All children are invited to attend.

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Wed. Service 7:15 p.m.
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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Doris Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
BUTTERFLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
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Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
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Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
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Jack Water System Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Jack Water System is very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to maintain and continually improve the safety of our water and to protect our water supply.

Jack's water is groundwater drawn from one (1) well. This well draws from the Chapel Hill aquifer. We received a grant that will co-fund the cost of our source water assessment plan. This plan will provide specific geological information on our well including depths, screening and identify potential sources of contamination.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please Manager Jerry Pope at 897-5133. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Zion Chapel High School's Library.

Jack Water System routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1999. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

This table has many abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these abbreviations we've provided the following definitions:

- Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

- Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$10,000.

- Parts per billion (ppb) or ug/l - micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$100,000,000.

- Parts per trillion (ppt) or nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.

- Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or picograms per liter (picograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

- Picocuries per liter (pCi/l) - picocuries per liter is a measure of radioactivity in water.

- MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known risk to health.

- MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" of maximum permissible amount of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known risk to health MCLG allow for a margin of safety.

- Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fiber that are longer than 10 micrometers.

- Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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- Action Level - The concentrations of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

- Treatment Technique - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations from contaminants that exceeded MCLG's. We did publish a public notice of violation due to our failure to collect correct samples. The nitrate samples were taken, tested and approved by ADEM. We are proud of the way the drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. Trace amounts of constituents do not pose a health risk and the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects expected for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through soil, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. This was done for these reasons:

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from certain contaminants. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate ways to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Jack Water System strives to provide a dependable and safe supply of water to all consumers. We ask that you be considerate when accidents or mother nature hinder our efforts to supply your water. Regardless of the time, or weather, water works personnel are on call and working to keep your water flowing. Please help us protect our water sources, which is a vital part of our lives, and our children's future.

Area News

Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program of Alabama

This program provides breast and cervical screenings for women who meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- Primarily women age 40 and older
- Women without insurance or who are underinsured
- Women who meet the income guidelines below

A woman who meets the eligibility requirements receives:

- A FREE Pelvic Exam and Pap Smear
- A FREE Clinical Breast Exam
- A FREE Mammogram (Age 50 and older)

Call Lucille Latham, Educator, Coffee County Family Services Center (334) 393-8538 or (334) 347-9574.

Local National Guard battalions attend training period



Commander's Call gives staff members and commanders from the 3rd Battalion 117th Field Artillery the opportunity to exchange information on operations in their areas of responsibility.

(c.) 3rd Bn, 117th Field Artillery in Elba

The Mississippi Army Guard's 66th Troop Command served as the encampment headquarters. Nearly 600 members from the two Alabama field artillery battalions joined another FA battalion from Tennessee and an air defense artillery detachment from Mississippi on the sprawling ranges of the post near Hattiesburg, Miss. The artillery units worked under the control of the 631st Field Artillery Brigade.

The 15-day annual training period allows units to practice and improve those skills they have practiced during the weekend drill performed at home station. The FA units combined the crew, platoon, and battery level training done at Camp Shelby to function more cohesively as a battalion.

Both Alabama battalions had previously fired tables I-II that qualifies individual crews. At Camp Shelby, they fired tables VI-VIII that incorporates the guns of an entire battery together in a collective maneuver and firing exercise. The units then fire Tables IX through XI that involves the entire battalion. The firing exercise improves the fire delivery times of the units and homes of the individual soldiers.

In addition to the live firing exercises,

A Salute To OLD GLORY

Clark Theatres • Enterprise

JUNE 30-JULY 6
Enterprise Shopping Center

I- ML. MYSTY & IRON (R)
M-F 7:30-9:20 • S-S 2:28-9:20
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II- CHICKEN RUN (G)
M-F 7:15 Only - S-S 2:18-7:15

GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG-13)
M- 9 Only - S-S 9 Only

Westgate Center

III- THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE (PG)

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IV- SHREK (R)
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V- BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG-13)

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie's daily visit to the pool had to take a back seat to the ball field last Saturday and Sunday. The weekend of ball began on Friday night when she played in the "10 and Under" All-Star softball tournament in Geneva, continued in Geneva on Saturday afternoon with three more games, moved back to Elba on Saturday night to watch her big sister play with the "16 and Under" All-Stars, and then moved over to the baseball field on Sunday afternoon to watch the Dixie Boys tournament. She survived the weekend with a sprained ankle, a bruise on the chin from a bad hop, and a sun burn, but seemed ready to do it again late Sunday night. It is amazing how fast children can recuperate when they are having fun!

SHUFFLING THROUGH THE SPORTS NOTES....

*** The Elba Girls Softball League sent four All-Star teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District Tournaments last weekend, and history was made as the "16 and Under" All-Stars claimed the first-ever district championship for a league team, and the other three teams all claimed wins. The "16 and Under" All-Stars hosted Greenville and Andalusia in a round-robin tourney and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they posted two big wins to Elba's first A.R.P.A. district championship. The team had only 10 players for the two games, but that was all it needed as the girls came through and took home the title. The "14 and Under" All-Stars competed in Andalusia and claimed a win over Greenville, while the "12 and Under" All-Stars hosted their own and defeated New Brockton. The other big news from the weekend came from the "10 and Under" All-Stars claimed two wins and qualified for the second-place finish in the eight-team tournament.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

First-ever ARPA title for Elba teams

Elba girls "16 and Under" All-Stars win district softball championship

The Elba "16 and Under Softball All-Stars" competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Elba and claimed two straight wins to claim the District championship in the three-team round-robin event.

Following are tournament highlights:

ELBA 13
GREENVILLE 2

The All-Stars jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and coasted with a 13-2 win over Greenville. Elba opened the game with a bang as Melissa Mularz and Karla Huguley ripped back-to-back doubles, followed by a triple off the bat of Rachel Bludsworth. A two-run double by Huguley sparked a four-run outburst in the second inning to help Elba up its lead to 7-1, and the All-Stars easily pulled away with the 13-2 win. Five runs by Melissia Mularz, Karla Huguley, Michelle Lewis, Melanie McGlothlen and Kerri Griffin all got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Rachel Bludsworth added 2 hits.

The All-Stars opened the tournament on Friday night with a disappointing 7-6 loss to Geneva. Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a key two-out single by Alyssa Walden, then rallied in the third inning and regained the lead at 5-3 behind the hitting of Melanie Mularz and Krystan Parker. Brandy Caldwell scored in the fourth inning to give the All-Stars their final lead at 5-5, and Elba had the tying run out at the plate with two outs in the final inning as Geneva held on and escaped with the 7-6 win. Melanie Mularz, Hannah Manning, Brandy Caldwell and Alyssa Walden all got 2 hits for Elba.

The Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Geneva and claimed two wins in four games to place fourth in the eight-team tournament.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

GENEVA 7

ELBA 6

The All-Stars opened the tournament on Friday night with a disappointing 7-6 loss to Geneva. Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a key two-out single by Alyssa Walden, then rallied in the third inning and regained the lead at 5-3 behind the hitting of Melanie Mularz and Krystan Parker. Brandy Caldwell scored in the fourth inning to give the All-Stars their final lead at 5-5, and Elba had the tying run out at the plate with two outs in the final inning as Geneva held on and escaped with the 7-6 win. Melanie Mularz, Hannah Manning, Brandy Caldwell and Alyssa Walden all got 2 hits for Elba.

The Elba "10 and Under" All-Stars competed in the A.R.P.A. District 7 Softball Tournament last weekend in Geneva and claimed two wins in four games to place fourth in the eight-team tournament.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

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ANDY 5

The All-Stars pulled out to an early 6-0 lead and turned back a late

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